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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly enter the following preliminary amendment prior to calculating the filing fee for the application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

42. A method of treating hypertension, congestive heart failure, angina, myocardial infarction, arteriosclerosis, diabetic nephropathy, diabetic cardiac myopathy, renal insufficiency, peripheral vascular disease, stroke, left ventricular hypertrophy, cognitive dysfunction, headache, or chronic heart failure, wherein the method comprises administering a compressed solid dosage form as defined in claim 28 to a subject in need of such treatment.

43. A method of treating according to claim 42 wherein the compressed solid dosage form is orally administered to the subject.

44. A method of treating hypertension, congestive heart failure, angina, myocardial infarction, arteriosclerosis, diabetic nephropathy, diabetic cardiac myopathy, renal insufficiency, peripheral vascular disease, stroke, left ventricular hypertrophy, cognitive dysfunction, headache, or

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